



NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
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In the Matter of the
**REPRESENTATION OF
EMPLOYEES**
of
**METRO-NORTH COMMUTER
RAILROAD**
Signalmen

30 NMB No. 6
CASE NO. R-6893
CERTIFICATION
October 31, 2002

The services of the National Mediation Board (Board) were invoked by the Association of Commuter Rail Employees (ACRE) on May 29, 2002, to investigate and determine who may represent for the purposes of the Railway Labor Act (RLA), as provided by Section 2, Ninth, thereof, personnel described as "Signalmen," employees of Metro-North Commuter Railroad (Carrier).

At the time this application was received, these employees were represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen (BRS).

The Board assigned Investigator Eileen M. Hennessey to investigate.

FINDINGS

The investigation disclosed that a dispute existed among the craft or class of Signalmen, and by direction of the Board, the Investigator was instructed to conduct an election to determine the employees' representation choice.

The following is the result of the election as reported by Investigator Hennessey.

Number of Employees Voting:

	<u>ACRE</u>	<u>BRS</u>	<u>Number of Employees Eligible</u>
Signalmen	166	26	219

The Board further finds that the Carrier and employees in this case are, respectively, a Carrier and employees within the meaning of the RLA, as amended; that this Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein; and that the interested parties, as well as the Carrier, were given due notice of the Board's investigation.

CERTIFICATION

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2, Ninth, of the RLA, as amended, and based upon its investigation pursuant thereto, the Board certifies that the Association of Commuter Rail Employees has been duly designated and authorized to represent for the purposes of the RLA, as amended, the craft or class of Signalmen, employees of Metro-North Commuter Railroad, its successors and assigns.

By direction of the NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD.

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